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SUBJ: ILLNESS OF FORMER IRISH PRESIDENT DE VALERA

1. EAMONN DE VALERA HAS BEEN ILL WITH WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS "A HEAVY COLD" AND HIS RECOVERY HAS BEEN SLOW. AT THE WEEKEND A FAMILY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE 92 YEAR OLD FORMER PRESIDENT'S CONDITION HAD "DETERIORATED".

2. PRESIDENT O DALAIGH TOLD CHARGE SATURDAY THAT DE VALERA'S CONDITION WAS WORSE THAN HAD BEEN PUBLICLY DESCRIBED.

3. COMMENT: IT IS GENERALLY ASSUMED HERE THAT, IN THE EVENT OF HIS DEATH, DE VALERA WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE GIVEN A STATE FUNERAL UNLESS SOME PERSONAL EXPRESSION TO THE CONTRARY HAS BEEN MADE. WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT DUST OFF CONTINGENCY PLANS AND NOTIFY THOSE WHO MIGHT BE INVOLVED. WERE A STATE FUNERAL TO BE DECREED WE BELIEVE THAT, GIVEN DE VALERA'S HISTORY OF AMERICAN CONNECTIONS, A VERY HIGH LEVEL U.S. DELEGATION WOULD BE EXPECTED.
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